

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EMIN  
SUBJECT: COBALT

REF: STATE 145925

1. BOTSWANA NEITHER CONSUMES NOR STOCKS COBALT. SALES IN  
1977 AMOUNTED TO 157 TONS, UP FROM 76 TONS IN 1976. 1978  
TONAGE EXPECTED TO BE SAME AS 1977.

2. BECAUSE GOB VIEWS SHABA PRODUCTION HIATUS AS TEMPORARY  
DEVELOPMENT, TO LAST ONLY ONE OR TWO YEARS, IT WILL NOT  
LIKELY MAKE HEAVY CAPITAL INVESTMENT NEEDED TO EXPAND  
COBALT PRODUCTION.

3. PRICES: LAST QUOTATION OF BOTSWANA COBALT PRICES  
READILY AVAILABLE TO MINE MINISTRY OFFICIAL IS DOLLARS  
6.85 A POUND FOR MARCH 1978. HOWEVER, BOTSWANA PRICES  
ARE TIED BY CONTRACT TO PRICE QUOTED IN "METALS  
WEEK" AND MAY BE READILY HAD BY CONSULTING THAT U.S. PUB-  
LICATION. ACCORDING TO MINE MIN OFF, PRICES HAVE APPROX-  
IMATELY TRIPLED SINCE MARCH.

4. ALL COBALT IS CONTAINED IN COPPER-NICKEL MATTE  
WHICH IS CONTRACTED TO AMERICAN METALS CLIMAX FOR PRO-  
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